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THE OLD-FASHIONED HOUSE.

Not a mansion to day, though a marvel of

art. Can ever usurp its place in my heart: Por there my earliest prayers were said, And I slept at night in a trundle bed,

Math coverids reaching from feet to chit, lly a mother's band tucked gently in, And a good night kiss on my tired brow— O, earth holds no such blessing now!

The garden was fragrant in flower-beds Where marigoids lifted their velvet heads. And warmed by sunshine, refreshed by dew. The backelor-button and touck-me-not grow. In the river that curved like a shepherd's crook, We lished for minnows with bent plit hook, Or with little bare feet oft waded through, And bravely paddled our own canoe.

Twas a home of welcome no one could doubt, Whose latch-string hung invitingly out; And many a stranger supped at its board. While blazing logs in the chimney reared.

O, this is an age of reform and change!
And things eatheric, modern and strange—
Improvements that savor of silver and gold—
Are superseding the cherished and old. But I turn from palaces built for show With Mansard roofs and stories below Of frescoed, kalsomined, diadoed halls. To the old-fashioned house with its white washed walls.

BLEEDING HEARTS. Kate's Novel-A Romance in One Act and Two Scenes.

Two girls burst into the library of E Seminary, and, finding it apparently empty, the elder began: "I just hate her, so there! Spiteful old thing! She's just jealous of us girls. Never wants us to have a bit of fun. Never had a beau in her life, I know, except old Dr. Stone, and he's deaf as a post, has buried three wives already, and only wants her for a nurse and governess for his ten brats, half of 'em twins, I do believe! She's too sharp for that, though. Catch her! Wants one of the Professors over at the college; that's why she's so cross about our running off with the juniors night before last for a sleigh-ride. Think's she'll please President Foster, and all that. Never mind. Cad! Brother Will said he'd come over to-night, and when he pulls a string tight to said, their control of the pulls a string tied to a nail that ticks on my a string used to a nail that ticks on my window, I'll slip cut and smuggle him in under my water-proof. We'll fix a nice place in the closet to hide him it any one comes, and we'll just have the jolliest times! He'll bring a can of oysters, and we'll cut em raw with pickles and crackers. You hide some salt and pepper in your apron pocket at supper; and we've a dipper, and a tip cup, and a vase that'll do for some disher. and a the cup, and a vase that'll do for soup dishes. So we'll laugh in our siceves at the old snap-dragon, and she can't help herself—now, Cad, don't cry. If there's anything I hale it's a cry-bahy. Just as if girls at boarding-school hadn't had just such times over and over again, and actually lived through them before our day. For my part. I told Uncle Tom if he sent me back here I'd do just as I pleased, and back here I'd do just as I pleased, and they might sand me home in disgrace as often as the fit was on. I's going to have a good time. I've a postoffice as often as the fit was on. I've a postofice to have a good time. I've a postofice under a flat stone in the corner of the grounds, and I get lots of letters from the boys up at the Commercial. Last Christmas, when you and the Old Cat were off for the holidays, I played sick so as not to go to service. Then I rolled up some blankets, dressed them in my wrapper, laid them in the bed, and paid Nora a dollar to pretend every time any one asked for me that I was asleep and must not be disturbed. Then asleep and must not be disturbed. Then I slipped out and went off with Brother Will to Excelsior after the gayest horse in a bit of cutter that fairly flow. We went to the hotel, and asked all over went to the hotel, and asked all over town for a minister, just to make be-lieve we had run away to be married. Why I should die in this poky old sem if Will didn't know all the boys and help me out." Thus the wild girl ratifed on until her companion's eyes were fair-ly dried and laughing again. But the teacher, who sat in the curtained re-cess of a deen window, an unwilling cess of a deep window, an unwilling listener to this daring recital, grow gradually more grave and serious, and when the bold, confident voice rang

out with: out with:

"Of course, she was never in love as you and Will are. What does she know about love? Why Will would just die for you. He fairly worships your very shoe-bottoms, and all that sort of thing. He would wither right away and go into a decline if you refused to see him. It would kill him, I know it would.

into a decline if you refused to see him. It would kill him, I know it would. He is so affectionate and so sensitive! But she makes you think it's wicked to be in love, to love deeply and truly and to the bitter end. But I know better!'

As these words fell upon the listener's ear the hands passed up before the eyes, merely resting lightly at first upon the level brows, then gradually pressing more and more closely upon the tight-shut lids, while one by one the tears stole down and fell upon the soft, gray fabric of the tears's dress. She thought of one she knew so long ago, of the love-story she had lived, and scarcely knew, until it had vanished in the morning of her life, and left her pale, for lorn and lonely, a stranded wreck upon the shore of time. It had indeed been a sorre task to pick up the besten remnants of what once had been a gallant craft and hoist sail upon a hencuforth trackless sea. To day was an anniversary. She remembered and she kept it. Without it was snowing wildly, and the bare boughs of the trees chafed angrily against each other, sometimes rocking in the mad blast until they tapped with fey fingers against the window-panes. She had be nehiding these two girls, and justly, for letting themselves out of a window with two sheets, and joining a pair of boys from a neighboring college in a midnight sleighride: said boys having borrowed Deacon Potter's horses and sleigh, without permission—"Just to show the old fellow what we can do," and saucy Will Carney. But although it was not mentioned, the lecture was anid saucy Will Carney. But, although it was not mentioned, the lecture was it was not mentioned, the lecture was less severe and the teacher's opinion of the girls' escapade was very, very different indeed from the fact that the party had kept together and that two of the quartet were brother and sister. Indeed Kate Carney, the defant school-girl had been sent home so often that the faculty had seriously debated the necessity of refusing her readmission in November after her suspension in October, but Miss Chesterfield had stoutly pleaded for her. She had argued thus: "The girl has so mother.

personally responsible if harm came to her just now. She is warm-hearted, trustful and without a thought of evil. It might be much worse. Try her once more, and let me take all the care and responsibility. Tell her guard an his. I may not succeed; but, with your per-

nission, I will try. So Kate had returned, and as a punishment for her transgressions her uncle Tom had kept her at the instituincie from had kept her at the institu-tion during the Christmas holidays. Miss Chesterfield's vigilance had been so far rewarded. Only these two tha-grant breaches of discipline had oc-curred: Once during the Christmas holidays, when Miss Chesterfield was away, and the other the moonlight sleighride, both the result of harmless high spirits. These had only com-promised herself and her room-mate. high spirits. These had only com-promised herself and her room-mate. whereas, during her first two years at the seminary she had not only been in constant trouble her-elf, but on each occasion managed to draw in with her from six to a dozen companions and as many college lads. As the teacher sat there in the win-

dow, the tears trickling through her fingers, she did not hear the door close after Caroline as she tripped lightly out. She forgot that it was cold; forgot that it was winter; forgot the necessity for present action, and seemed to be sitting for that last time on the doorsitting for that last time on the door-steps at home in his favorite rose-tinted dress, with the soft, white cashmers wrap living across her shoulders, her golden hair pressed smoothly down upon her cheek and gathered up in shining braids behind, after the fashion of the day, a fashion that ber dear, dead mother's hand knew so well how to ad-just. Another sat bes de her, and into his dark eyes she dared not look. They had been very silent. And then he raised with tender touch the spray of "bleeding hearts" she had fastened at her throat, and said: "The Indians wear the scalps of their victims fastened to their belts victims fastened to their belts victims fastened. wear the scalps of their victims fastened to their belts; you carry the hearts of yours slung at your breast-pin." Next he rose, laid a reverent hand upon her sbining head (it did shine then) and said: "Farewell!" adding, "Ruth, you have never kissed me. Will you kas me now just one good-by?" She had kissed him and watched him down the path in the soft May moonlight, a little shivering sigh of the breezes running through the tops of the evergreens. Then she ran up-stairs, and cried, and rocked herself to and fro, and she had prayed to see her way more clearly—had agonized in prayer—had risen and stumbled blindly on just the same as if she had never prayed at all. And they she had never prayed at all. And they had never met again, and never would.

she had never prayed at all. And they had never met again, and never would. And all the sweet old songs he loved were out of fashion long ago—dear "Bonnie Doon" and beautiful "Lorena." She felt just now as if her heart must break, and one quick sob escaped her before she quite remembered where she was. Dropping her hands, she looked up to find kate Carney's astonished eyes regarding her in blank d smay.

"Miss Chesterfield, what is it? Are you cry ng for what I said? O. Miss Chesterfield, forgive me! ididn't know; I was so angry! Don't cry. Miss Chesterfield, and I won't let Will come in tonight, nor ever. I'll be good as long as I poss bly can, if you only, won't cry." For the leacher's hands again covered her lace, and her frame quivered with the overflow of emotion. Making an effort, Miss Chesterfield soon raised her head, and; taking kate's hand between both her own, she said, with a faint smile, "I can not talk to you to day. I will some time, and seon. No. don't let Will in to-night. But you and Caroline and Fanny come to my room, and oline and Fanny come to my room, and we'll persuade Mrs. Dolittle to let us pull some candy in the kitchen. It is just the weather for a candy-pull." K song Kate's glowing cheek, she passed out and to her own room, where to wel-come her as leer-throated canary trilled

come her a silver-throated canary trilled out. "Tell it—tell it—tell it—why-y-y-y don't you tell jt!"

And she idid tell it,

For several days Miss Chesterfield was confined to her room. She had taken cold siting in the window, and it had never affected her so strangely before. When perfectly still she was comforta-be, but when she raised her head, qu'ck, days gains darted about her head, qu'ck, charp pains darted about her brows and eyes, and the wall-known room spun vaguely out into space. As she had al-ways declared, Kute Carney had a ten-der, affectionate heart, and, feeling her-self partially responsible for the teachself partially responsible for the teacher's indisposition, she was indefatigable in her attentions, studying at the bedside, and attending to her alightest wishes very gently and quietly. Now, Dr. Parker had allowed her to sit up a 1 tile while yesterday, to be dressed to-day, and next she might, he promised, hear some of her classes in her room. Kate Carney had come up from her last recitation, and Miss Chesterfield had urged her to take exercise in the bright, clear January air; but Kate begged so piteously to remain that the teacher reluctantly consented.

"Now, Miss Chesterfield," began

inctifully consented.

"Now, Miss Chesterfield," began Kate, with a little half air of defiance, "you said on that Saturday that you would talk to me some other time about the dreadful things I said to Caroline and which you happened to hear. If you are strong enough I wish you'd do it to-day. I don't want to have it hanging over my head like somebody's sword Uncle Tom talks about."

The little bird perked its head on one

The little bird perked its head on one side and twittered at Miss Chesterfield: "Tell it—tell it—tell it—tell it—wby-y-y-y don't you tell it:"
"Yes, I will," she answered to both,

"Yes, I will," she answered to both, bidding Kate draw her chair closer, and, calling her attention to a very quaint picture of an old-fashioned girl in an ambrotype case on the book-shelf, she continued: "Kate, you and I are friends, I know, and you must not any longer think that I cried that day because you called me a few foolish names. One who has taught fifteen or twenty One who has taught fifteen or twenty years does not expect to please every-body. Certain restraints we must place about our pupils for their own good and the mutual benefit of their asso-

and the mutual benefit of their associates. But I must not tire myself by philosophizing to begin with. I am going to tell you a love-story."

"A love-story!" O, Miss Chestorfield! Is it real? Did you know it?"

"Yes, I knew it, for I was in it. After I have told you, you must not speak of it again. It is just yours and mine to know. I don't know why I tell you. Partly because you saw me so undignified as to cry that day, and you know (smiling) you 'hate a cry-baby! But I can not tell you all the 'becauses,' for I do not know them myself. Kate, I ean not tell you all the 'becauses,' for I do not know them myself. Kate, I want you to believe in me; to believe me human like yourself; to know that I sympathize with you in your joys and sorrows, and would not deny you any pleasure it were good for you to have. When I looked like that picture I met my hero. As I remember him he was tall and slight, with large, dark eyes, black, waving hair, and very pale. He was then a student, and an industrious one. He was my brother's friend, and

and study we mutually adored, and toth of us graduated twice with all the joy of conquered studies and friendly interest in each other. And, dear child for three years (the brightest I have ever known) we were daily together and engaged more or less in the same pursu's. What could be expected? We were happiest when together, and that was all we ever acknowledged, even to curselves."

Then the teacher told her story. There came, first, the separation of distance; next, misunderstanding and alienation; the long ng of each for reconalienation; the long ng of each for reconcil ation; the pride that rebelled against
advances, followed by her engagement
to another. Then, by accident, the
removal of the barriers that estranged
them, and neither had been to blame.
How he entreated her to be true to him!
Then came the deciding volce—her
mother's! For some reason the change
had gratified her; and now the prospect
of a return to the first love pained her
inexpressibly. Distressed and bewildered, but obedient and dutiful, after
long deliberation, she refused and gave long deliberation, she refused and gave to hope and love an eternal farewell. But that had not been all. He had gone she knew not where. "But wherever he went, dear Kate,

my heart went with him, and my heart is his to-day." Kate's eyes were filled with tears, as she softly patted on the pillow, and

asked: "But the other one! What became of him?"

"But the other one! What became of him?"

"O, his had been a heart caught in the rebound; he had quarreled with another. He returned to her."

"And left you? How mean! how shameful! After all—"

"No, no! Kate, he was right. Our marriage would have been a bitter, hollow mockery. I am happier as it is, and I believe that Charles Chapin is true to me to-day somewhere, if he yet lives. Listen, Kate! After all those years (and it was long ago) I cried that day over all this, and not at anything you said. I am tired now. If you'll draw the blind to shade my eyes, you may take down that book of poems and look at the scanty relies of my past. I have nothing else left of my story—only the sword of Damooles has fallen, and I have said it all."

Kate did as requested. The book was a volume of Jean Ingelow's, and between the leaves that held the lines of that matchless poem, "Divided," were pressed a love-letter yellow with age, a leaf from a lemon-tree, a spray of "bleeding-hearts." and a fragment of an envelope on which was written in a manly hand, "Amo: in hoe sues mea."

an envelope on which was written in a manly hand, "Amo: in hoc spes m-a;" also, finely-written in Miss Chesterfield's most careful penmanship, these stanzas

most careful penmanship, these stam ONLY A NAME.

A name, a name, and that was all!
Out of the skies il seemed to fall—
A whispered name I used to know in dreamy days long years ago.
Only a name, but such a glow of old emotions touched me so; it caused a blush of youth to start Quick from the pulses of the heart, it filled my soul with sait regret. My eyes with sudden tears were wet. Out of the mist two starry eyes Seemed fixed on mino in switt surprise. The lips were mute. A face divine plashed with the thought that answe mide.

From out a dir. years seems of mile.

Plashed with the thought that answere Promout a dim, vague sense of pain, An olden romance bloomed again. A head touched mine. A ghostly crew of dear, dead memorios rushed to view; A boat went drifting with the tide; I wo in the beat sit slide by side in gay content; some somes were sung; Much nonsense said; and both were young I wo heads, one black and one of brown, Above the self same book heat down To read some love-tale of renown; Some rare nooks for the woods they knew; Thu stars named in the vaulted blue. A long, long year estranged, ah, mel I hen friends—so more to ever be. Only a name! It thrilled me throw with a strong sense of something trus, Mine and not mine forever more! Valniy I search, weep and implore. I see my daily duty hers;
No time for kile wish or tear. Hise to the present. Live to-day, Turn life's romances all away; But chide myself as well I may, I can not chase the charm away, I can not chase the charm away, I can not chase the charm away, I will hove sillusions of me cast.

Kate Carney hummed a little lovesong softly to berself—and it was a happy little one—as she lit the night-lump and arranged the table at the teacher's bedside that night. Then she

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cap-sheaf to a feminine letter—the postscript:

Dasa UNCLE TOM: Please come to commencement, and bring that dear, deligative
Mr. Chapta with you. It some of the girls
can't capture him perhaps some of the texters can. And after I graduate next year Irant to wrife a love-story, a real love story.
My plot is all laid, and now I want Mr. Chapta
to come on here and merry somebody sothat I can perfect it by one study from real
life. Mr. Chapta is inst the one I want for
you say he is so indifferent to the ladies. It
would be so delicious to see how he would
act if somebody neceoded in charming him.
Any of the boys can guest. My fiero must
not gush. Don't tell him is aid it, now, Uncle
Tom. I really don't want him mysoif—he's
too old and grisaly. But he's awful niceyou said so, yourself—nice onough for any
body. You will know best how to manare
It. I've been good since Jamary, and all thecollege boys, Will says, are imnomolable. I
esiam this as my roward. Yours, affectiontionately.

Well, Uncle Tom managed it. How,

Well, Uncle Tom managed it. How, I'm not going to tell; it is too long.
But certainly not to help his ward's
match-making proclivities.
It was the evening before graduation.
The beautiful grove around the E

The beautiful grove around the E—
Seminary was all a-flutter with the
light draperies of the girls whose examinations were over, and who awaited the
closing exercises before returning to
their distant homes. Many guests were
there besides, and the bright clear
northern skies looked down with propitions smiles upon the little city. As
Miss Chesterfield, for the last time that
summer, gave a well-thumbed copy of summer, gave a well-thumbed copy of Virgil a little shove into its place on the book-shelf she saw, without interest, two strangers, tall and military, pace up the building, ring, and pass leisurely

Captain Carney was perfectly noncha-Captain Carney was perfectly nonchalant under the artillery of the bright eyes that regarded them. But Mr. Chapin, looking slightly annoyed, turned neither to the right nor to the left, and, as they entered the pariors after sending up their cards, twisting his lron-gray mustache in an absentivaty, he remarked:

"Captain, there is something painfully suggestive of other days to me in

pleasure it were good for you to have.
When I looked like that picture I met my hero. As I remember him he was tall and slight, with large, dark eyes, black, waving hair, and very pale. He was then a student, and an industrious one. He was my brother's friend, and he was so often at the house informally that we never thought of love. Books

and each broken heart had flung a

and each broken heart had flung a flower on the coflins."

"Quite poetical, almost tragic——" began Captain Carney, but Bete sprang in all glowing with breathless anticipation, and, posing on tip-toe to kiss Uncle Tom, and decorously greeting that "awfully nice" Mr. Chapin, she said: "This is the public parlor. Won's you come into No. 7 where we can be quite alone? I want to bring down to you now, right now, my dearest teacher, who has made me behave so well. You go so soon to-morrow. She won't talk cats. Mr. Chapin, if she is an old maid." And she hurried them off into a quiet, And she hurried them off into a quiet, obscure little nook in one corner of the

building.

Miss Chesterfield stood at the bookshelf, her hand resting on the Virgil, and her face turned dreamily toward the window, when Kate rushed in and surprised her with a shower of caresses. mingled with frantic declarations of "Uncle Tom's here! Come, come! Down in No. 7!" and carried her off by force of arms, pausing long enough in the hall to eatch up from a table a spray of "bleeding hearts" and fasten in Miss Chesterfield's breast-pin, in spite of that lady's faint protest.

"Not that dear Kette, a pushing but "Not that, dear Kate; anything but

that."

"O, yes! For I want Uncle Tom to know you have captured some hearts, if yours and theirs are bleeding."

"Tell it, tell it—tell it, why-y-y-y not tell it," chirped the canary at the window. The door of No. 7 was flung grandly open. Miss Chesterfield's name was announced to Mr. Chapin. Kate sprang to her uncle's side. The two faced each other, stunged, bewildered. faced each other, stunned, bewildered. He stood for an instant painfully erect and motionless. He did not speak hor name, only: "My love!" and, as in a dream, and took both her trembling

hands in his and pressed them hard against his bosom. And she! After the first swift glance And she! After the first swift giance up to those lustrous eyes, upon that face so changed and still the same, she telt as if the film of lace about her throat began to choke her; the ras if a great black chasm opened out between them, and, clinging to each other, the Fates had flung them headlong down the fathomless abyss. But at the open window he fauned her back from fainting into a wan and plaintive consciousness, while Kate danced wildly about Uncle Tom, rapturously exclaiming:

"My novel, Uncle Tom! My novel!
O. don't you see? I've finished it, my novel!
And after much acceptance." novel!" And, after much explaining, he did see,—Chicago Tribune.

CARD SHARPERS IN PARIS.

Pondaess of the Parislans for Gambling-The Devices of Unscrupulous Dealers If we may judge by the pages of M. des Perrieres the Parislans are restless and hardened gamblers and ready to play anything anywhere with anybody. There are three places where they may play chiefly-in the real clubs, in the clubs which are open to almost any one and which, in fact, exist only that gambling may be carried on, and in the gambling may be carried on, and in the illegal gaming houses. Of real clubs there are not many in Paris and access is not easy; but there is no end of gambling clubs dignified by some glittering and loud-sounding title. Strangely enough there is a greater danger of being cheated in the former than in the latter, for in the gambling clubs there are always a lot of cheats watching each other and well watched by the proprietor, who is up to all is no suspicion, and once in, a rascal might cheat with impunity if he were cautious and not over-grasping. At ecarte or piquet, where he has but one opponent to deceive, the Greek ought to be able to win what he likes; but at baccarat, where he plays against the whole table, the simple devices of teta-a-tete deceit must be abandoned. M. des Perrieres reveals the secrets of the lamp and arranged the table at the teacher's bodside that night. Then she stood a moment twisting a bit of fringe in her nervous ingers before she leaned down, half shy, half sahamed, and kissed Miss Chesterfield's, thin and faded cheek.

If she wrote to Uncle Tom more frequently than usual the next few months, and if she took musual interest in his bachelor chams—especially one silent specimen who before now had always bored her—"he seemed so superior to smiles"—if she did all this, with mulico prepense, she deliberately plotted her mischief that very night. Uncle Tom didn't show me his letters; but when the holidays approached, the summer vacation. I happen to know that this little missive was flung triumphantly into the E—letter-box by the careless little hand that in an agony of impatience, neglected to date it or to add that usual cap sheaf to a feminine letter—the post-script:

turned it up and it was the king of hearts, and then the player proceeded to declare every card before it was turned, to the great amusement of the players, who ceased betting at once.
The feelings of the dealer are not described; probably language could not
do them justice.

Another device which an unscropulous dealer may employ is a survival from the last century; at least it is closely akin to a trick of that time, in closely akin to a trick of that time, in which a snuff-box took the place of s cigaretta case. It is of a great simplic ity. The dealer provides himself be forehand—to use the pleasant phrase-plogy of the old-fashioned hand-books of conjuring—with a highly polished silver eigarette case. This he places on the table before him and immediately under his left hand as he distributes the casel. If he has some slight man cards. If he has some slight man ual dexterity, a quick eye and unfailing self-possession, the reflecting surface of the silver will keep him fully informed as to the value of every card before it leaves his hands, and he may act accordingly. Self-possession, and indeed self-confidence, are necessary requisites of a successful gambler, even when he is not given to adding chance. Fortune favors the brave, and gambling is like favors the brave, and gambling is like swimming in that the first touch of fear is fatal. Especially must the dealer at baccarat abound in courage; let him but begin to show the white feather and his banking funds will speedily take wings and ily away to feather the nest of some player of more stomach.—London Saturday Review.

Lace Dresses.

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